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Ford And Chrysler Settle; GM Situation Looks Brighter

Council Passes Payroll Taxes

Burke, Jurrus, Vote Against Ordinance

By a vote of seven-to-two, City Council passed the one per cent payroll tax measure on Monday of this week following its third and final reading before the body.

Voting against the measure were Councilmen Tom Burke and Arthur M. Jurrus who both opposed the tax from the time it was introduced until its final passage.

As a result of placing an emergency clause in the legislation at its passage, the measure becomes operable at once, but the tax period does not begin until March 1.

Grab Burke Proposal

The payroll tax came about indirectly as a result of a resolution presented to Council early in November of last year calling for study and revision of Toledo's taxing system.

In answer to Burke's resolution, Mayor Lloyd Roulet requested that the payroll tax ordinance which was presented to ot a ncil in 1943 and tabled be iam introduced.

ed. Hearings in Council were held fo which time Richard Gosser, tra. -CIO regional director, ex- sed CIO's opposition and pledged that if the tax was passed in its present form, he would cause petitions to be circulated to place the issue on the ot in the fall election.

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Actual passage of the legislation was delayed for one month due to Gosser's objections and those of Vice-Mayor Michael V. DiSalle, who, while voting for the tax on Monday of this week, opposed its passage as emergency legislation and forced three readings of the ordinance.

Nine amendments were introduced by Mr. DiSalle last week which were passed at Monday's session over the objection of City Manager George N. Schoonmaker who sought a larger operating fund.

DiSalle's amendments will control the fund setup and allocate the money under the terms of the amended legislation.

Opinions Are Varied

Opinions relative to the tax vary in various segments of the population. Business men, city officials and the Municipal League all express themselves favorable to the legislation. A large majority of the workers, particularly CIO members, are opposed to the tax on the grounds that it is inequitable as it is now set up.

CIO's position as expressed by Mr. Gosser is that regardless of the small amount of tax deducted from the employees pay, that the tax is unequal and should be based upon ability to pay, with exemptions and grad-

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Commutator Elects

Members of the Toledo Standard Commutator Unit of Local 12, UAW-CIO, elected their officers for the ensuing year at their last regular meeting held at Local 12.

Elected were John Kiplinger, John Grant, Sam Scott, Chet DeLaney, Edward Schmidt, George Geis and Les Goodell.

The newly elected officers will be installed at the next meeting of the Unit, Feb. 14.

Wage Bill Due For Senate Vote

Minimum Wage Issue Worries Southerners

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 — (LPA)— Southern Senators had an additional reason to filibuster last week, when the Senate Labor and Education Committee reported favorably the 65c minimum wage bill.

If the Senate and House act favorably on the bill, less than 2,000,000 workers will be affected, as a result of recent union gains that have established 65c as the going minimum in most industries. However, the southerners are still worried about the effect of a 65c minimum on their supply of cheap labor in farming, lumber operations, food processing, and in the unorganized textile mills.

Here is how the bill stands as it emerged from committee:

Minimum wage under the Fair Labor Standards Act is raised at once from 40c to 65c. It stays at 65c for two years, then is 70c for two years, and becomes 75c at the beginning of the fifth year.

Maritime Is Included

Maritime workers will be included under the wage provision for the first time. They will not be subject to the hour provisions (setting a standard 40-hour week with overtime penalties for hours worked over 40). However, maritime workers' food and board provided by the employer will not be counted as wages.

Western Union messengers will have to be over 13 years old; those aged 14 to 16 must work only outside of school hours; they may be paid lower than the 65c minimum. Previously, Western Union had obtained complete exemption for its child labor, the bill as originally proposed would have included them under the 65c pay provision, and woud have prohibited employment of youths under 18 as messengers.

The present act would be weakened by allowing workers only two years within which to file wage claims against employ-

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Pecord Named To Housing Group

Appointment of Ollie Pecord, TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL managing editor to the Toledo Metropolitan Housing Authority was announced on Monday of this week by Probate Judge Charles E. Chittenden. Pecord will replace Edward Kirschner who resigned.

Duties of the housing commission include control over all federal housing projects in the city. Prior to Pecord's appointment, CIO had no representatives on the Authority.

CIO Seeks Legislation To Outlaw Discrimination

Federal and state legislation to outlaw job discrimination on the basis of race, color or creed is the concern of the National CIO Committee to Fight Discrimination. Pictured at a recent meeting are (l. to r.) George L. P. Weaver, national director; Morris Muster, president of the Furniture Workers; George Crockett, United Auto Workers; James B Carey, CIO secretary-treasurer and committee chairman; and Harry Read of the national CIO staff. (LPA).

AN EDITORIAL

An Accomplished Fact

Passage of Toledo's Payroll Tax by Council this week, while an accomplished fact, finds us still in disagreement, not with the anticipated results which the tax is expected to bring about, but with the inequality inherent in it.

We still maintain that any tax which levies equally upon both high and low incomes without recognizing and making due allowance for the disparity is an inequitable and unjust taxation.

We still believe that a tax which can be escaped by some, by deducting it from their income tax, but cannot be avoided by others because of their low incomes, is not soundly based upon the principles of just taxation — the ability to pay.

Because of the action of Council this week, we now find ourselves with a tax for which great hopes have been expressed. We are in agreement with these hopes and believe that the added income should prove of great benefit to this city, but, we again find ourselves doubting whether any tax, even one as small as one percent, can be ultimately successful when it fails to provide any exemption merely because it involves such a small amount of money.

Nor do we accept the not-so-subtle criticisms of those who imply that because we opposed and still oppose the payroll tax as it now stands that we constitute a serious obstacle to the future progress of Toledo.

CIO under its present leadership has done more than any other organization in this city to bring home to the people our lack of civic progress. We have sought, and to a gratifying extent succeeded in making the city conscious of its static condition. We reject the inferences of those who now imply that we are merely obstructionists.

It may be that we are taking an unpopular position, that remains to be seen as the future unfolds itself, but we still believe that when any tax as palpably unfair to the workers as the payroll tax is wished upon the people by legislative action, that the citizens should be given the right to accept or reject it by a referendum.

If the tax is going to transform Toledo from a monument of apathy into a dynamic and progressive city, those who favor and passed the tax as it now stands should not fear a referendum.

If, on the other hand, the tax, because of its unequal nature strikes the people of Toledo as it has impressed us, then they have a right to agree or disagree with it.

We reject the statements of those who say that the citi-

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Hillman Supports Truman

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (LPA)—Sidney Hillman, chairman of the CIO Political Action Committee, last week congratulated President Truman on his labor policies and assured him of PAC's "fullest support."

Hillman's message to the President said, "On behalf of CIO-PAC I wish to express our deep appreciation of the firm stand you have taken in favor of wage increases to protect American workers against a drastic decline in living standards and to maintain the national purchasing power essential to a healthy economy.

"We are particularly appreciative of your patient and constructive effort to effect a settlement of the pending steel controversy. The refusal of the steel companies to accept your eminently fair and reasonable proposal fully demonstrates that they are placing their own selfish interests ahead of the national welfare.

"Be assured," Hillman concluded, "that you have our fullest support in the stand you have taken, as well as that of the great majority of the American people."

Farm Equipment Stopped

CHICAGO — (LPA) — As the International Harvester Co. sowed, so did it reap last week when 30,000 employes walked out of plants in Illinois, Indiana and New York and paralyzed the production of 95% of the nation's farm equipment, tractors and other machinery.

Negotiations between International Harvester and the Farm Equipment Workers-CIO broke down after two months of discussion when the company refused to accede to union demands for a 30% wage increase, a liberalized vacation plan, an annual wage and a union security clause.

Filibuster Paralyzes Senate

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (LPA)—The display of ignorance, bigotry and ill-temper that embarrasses the majority of the nation's legislators every time a bill to lessen racial discrimination reaches the floor of Congress was again on display in the United States Senate last week.

Southern Democrats continued a filibuster, aided and encouraged by acting Senate President Kenneth McKellar of Tennessee. The southerners were taken by surprise two weeks ago when Senator Dennis Chavez (D. N. M.) moved successfully to bring to the floor the bill for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission.

While more than 40 senators had signed a petition asking for a vote on cloture—limitation of debate—there may never by a vote on the petition because of McKellar's ruling that the business before the Senate is the reading of the Journal of the previous day. Even if it is put to a vote, the southerners may win since each southern state has the same number of votes as the much more populous northern and western states, and a two-thirds vote is required to pass the motion.

Barkley Attacks Action

The spectacle of the filibuster has been vigorously attacked by President Truman, Senate Majority Leader Alben Barkley of Kentucky, and leaders in both Democratic and Republican politics.

At an emergency conference called by the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, ex-governor of Minnesota Harold Stassen, frequently mentioned as a possible Republican presidential candidate in 1948, and Labor Secretary Lewis B. Schwellenbach shared the platform. Both urged in no uncertain terms the passage of the bill.

"There is never a time when we can afford the luxury of silence in matters such as these," Schwellenbach said. "The government—trustee for all of our people—Negroes and Jews, Catholics and Protestants, black and white and yellow—must proclaim through positive act its determination to protect all of our citizens against discrimination.

Stassen Urges Bill

Said Stassen, "The filibuster, if long continued, constitutes, purely and simply, obstruction by a minority which defeats the efective functioning of democratic government. It gives comfort to those of the extreme right and of the extreme left, who seek to undermine the effectiveness of and the confidence in our representative form of government. It contributes to the establishment of fertile ground for the flourishing of subversive activities. It throws a spotlight upon a condition which is of even wider significance than the important issue of the FEPC."

California Sets Up Employment Bill

SACRAMENTO, Cal. Jan. 28 —(LPA)—Sixty-three members of the California legislature were disclosed last week as co-authors of a state full-employment bill which would set up a new agency to work with the federal government on a program to assure continuous employment for California workers.

UAW and GM Resume Negotiations In Detroit

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 — Bright hopes for final settlement of the two months old wage dispute between the United Auto Workers-CIO and General Motors Corporation were expressed by Department of Labor and other government officials here as a result of an agreement between the two parties to resume negotiations.

The beginning of the end of the wave of strikes that has resulted since the end of the war due to industry's reluctance to grant wage increases is believed in sight as a result of the Ford and Chrysler settlement in Detroit last Saturday.

Government officials are taking a more optimistic view of the situation and seem to believe that once steel settles its dispute with the Steelworkers-CIO that the country will begin to experience a decided upturn in industrial activity.

Union Is Pleased

Members of the Auto Workers from officers down to the rank and file expressed satisfaction with the outcome of the Ford and Chrysler wage settlement. Opinion seems to be uniform that GM might hold out awaiting the end of the steel strike.

Meantime, UAW-CIO Vice-President Walter P. Reuther completed his testimony here yesterday before a National Labor Relations Board hearing on

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Filibuster Foe

Senator Denis Chavez (D., N. Mex.), one of the prime movers behind the Congressional battle for a Permanent Fair Employment Practices Act, has won organized labor's support for his courageous fight against the pack of reactionary southern Democrats who embarked on a filibuster the moment the bill hit the Senate floor. (LPA).

Union Propose MW Boycott

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—LPA —A nationwide boycott of Montgomery Ward by labor and the public was urged last week by the general executive board of the United Retail, Wholesale & Dept. Store Employes-CIO in its quarterly meeting here. Wards, whose 76,000 employes the URWDSEA has tried to organize for nine years, has "consistently attempted to defeat organizations of its employes, has resorted to espionage, coercion and intimidation, and having failed, refused to bargain in good faith," the unanimously passed resolution declared.

AFL Peace Is Spurned

PHILADELPHIA — (LPA) — A plan to outlaw strikes and establish national industrial peace boards, proposed by the Upholsterers, Union-AFL and endorsed by Labor Secretary Schwellenbach and Commerce Secretary Wallace, has been rejected by the nation's furniture, bedding and casket manufacturers' national associations.

Priest Hails Steel Strike

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 28 (LPA) —The rank-and-file steelworkers "are waging the battle of the future on the picket lines," asserted Rev. Charles O. Rice, well known Catholic priest here, in a radio speech on the eve of the strike of the United Steelworkers of America—CIO.

"The steel worker is not the perfect man nor the superman," Rice said out of his wide experience. "But he is a good man. A good strong American, and in his determination to fight his way through this battle he comes mighty close to being a hero. He is a hero, strike or no strike, because he is willing to risk suffering and hardship for a principle.

"The rank and file steel workers are willing to strike at this time because they see that they are waging the battle of the future. They are putting up a struggle so that their children won't have to sustain worse and harder struggles in another generation. They know that this is a crucial time.

"Labor is either going forward or going back. If we repeat the mistakes of the last postwar period; if we pile up senseless profits and mounds of gold; and if we don't put enough money in the hands of the worker, who will spend it to create more wealth, we will have another and worse depression. We will have bread lines, apple salesmen,, relief doles, and maybe revolution."

Labor Chills Truman Cooling-off Proposal

House Rejects President's Legislation By 10-8 Vote

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (LPA)—President Truman's demand for cooling-off legislation was put on ice last week by the House Labor Committee and was scheduled for an equally chilly reception by the Senate Labor Committee.

By a 10 to 8 vote the House group rejected the Truman proposal, which has been under incessant fire from labor, and approved a fact-finding bill that eliminated the 30-day cooling off period and also the ernment's right to subpoena pany books.

en. Allen Ellender (D., La.) author of the administration bill, said that he would offer an ndment to his own measure h would remove the cooling provision and any element of ompulsion in the fact finding.

ites In Clause

Instead of the subpoena power the House committee wrote in the following clause, taken almost verbatim from the Wagner Act: "That the several departments and agencies of government when directed by the president shall furnish the board on its request all records, papers and information in their possession relating to any matters before the board."

The committee-approved version was immediately denounced by reactionaries like Rep. Howard Smith (D., Va.), who complained to the House that "The bill as reported has all semblance of teeth removed and is merely a title with a few kind words."

The Senate Labor Committee considering fact finding legislation heard vice-president Walter Reuther of the United Auto Workers-CIO condemn compulsion in fact finding procedures in terms similar to the previously expressed opposition of

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FTA Strike Enters Fourth Month

CHARLESTON, S. C.—(LPA) —The strike of more than 1200 tobacco workers against the American Tobacco Co., entered its fourth month last week as a nationwide boycott of the company's product bit deeply into sales of Lucky Strikes and Pall Malls.

The workers, 1100 of whom are women, rebelled against $22-a-week wage scales and through their union—Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers-CIO, demanded a 25c-an-hour raise, a 65c-an-hour minimum, six days sick leave with pay and a union shop.

HOUSING

Housing is one of the biggest problems facing the country today. Long after the current strikes are settled and men and women are back to work, people will be seeking to find suitable living quarters.

For an insight into the seriousness of the housing situation and its chances for correction read Washington Labor Report, page .

PAC Hears Tax Vote Predicted

Pensioners Seek Membership In Political Action Group

Disagreement with the city payroll tax passed last Monday by Council was voiced by Ollie Pecord, managing editor of the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL speaking before a meeting of the PAC on Tuesday night of this week.

Pecord characterized the tax as "an unequal levy which takes equally from the low income workers and high salaried executives."

Discussing the possibility of a referendum on the tax, Pecord said that Richard Gosser, UAW-CIO regional director had on three occasions pledged that if the tax were passed "as it now stands" that he would secure sufficient names on petitions to place the matter on the fall ballot.

Amendments Are Noted

Noting the amendments which had been added to the tax ordinance, Pecord said, "these amendments do not materially alter the tax but merely allocate the funds into which the tax money will go."

Continuing Pecord said, "since the tax has not been changed, but remains substantially the same as it was before labor pro-

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Union Advisors Named

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18—LPA Four CIO and four AFL officials were named to two Labor Dept. advisory committees last week by Secretary Lewis Schwellenbach who at the same time announced reorganization of this department.

Appointed to the Labor-Management Advisory Committee, creation of which was proposed by President Truman's Labor Management Conference last November, were Frank Fenton, AFL director of organization; Boris Shishkin, AFL economist; Richard Frankensteen, vice-president of the United Auto Workers-CIO; and Clinton S. Golden, assistant to President Philip Murray of the United Steelworkers-CIO. The committee will advise the Secretary on overall operation of the department and on policy matters.

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Tax Refunds Draw Congress Fire

Murray's Statement Forms Basis For Many Comments

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (LPA)—Carry-back provisions of the current excess profits tax law were under fire from labor and congressional leaders last week following widespread charges that because business can obtain tax refunds for profits allegedly lost during strikes, management in many instances has been encouraged to provoke strikes or let them continue.

CIO President Murray's statement that corporations stood to gain billions of dollars this year through Treasury rebates actuated several Congressmen to propose reconsideration of the law which provides that if a business fails to make a "reasonable" or "average" profit during the reconversion year it can obtain refund of money previously paid or owed to the government in excess profits taxes.

Senators Make Statements

Sen. Wayne Morse (R. Ore.) declared that the government "must proceed to determine to what extent tax savings are being used to carry on an anti-labor drive by big business."

Sen. Kilgore (D., W. Va.) demanded immediate repeal of "the tax rebate provisions which permit U. S. Steel and General Motors to draw upon he U. S. Treasury to finance their attacks upon American workers."

Rep. Eberharter (D., Pa.) asserted that Congress "should reconsider excess profits tax refunds as they relate to the strike situation."

Morse, admitting that the present law "permits a corporation to make a profit while it is shut down," caimed that "if these corporations were told they would get no tax refund

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tested and in view of the fact that Dick Gosser always keeps his word, I am sure he will keep it this time and that the tax issue will be on the ballot in November."

Discussing the work being done by the sub-committee appointed by the Toledo Labor-Management- Citizens Committee in its fact-finding research into why new industries do not come to Toledo, Pecord complimented the sub-committee for its good beginning and expressed the view that unless decentralization goes on for military reasons, there is no reason why Toledo should not attract its share of new industries.

Tells Of Cuts

Orville E. Wilford, representing the Ohio Bureau of Unemployment Compensation told of the efforts of the Bureau to prevent cutting unemployment benefits now being paid to 800 workers of Willys-Overland. The order to make the cut came from the Ohio Supreme Court.

Willys-Overland workers have been reduced from $21 for 22 weeks as the revised law provides to $16 for 18 weeks as provided under the old law.

Mr. Wilford said that if the BUC loses that adjustments will have to be made and that in the meantime, until the case has been fought, "there is nothing for the workers do to but wait."

Guberman Discusses Legislation

David Guberman, labor attorney discussed the three phases of social legislation beginning with the formation of the union which seeks to secure better wages and working conditions in the plants, the drive for unemployment and industrial compensation and finally the general legislative program aiming at securing improved social legislation at the state and national level.

Mr. Guberman pointed out that the means used to secure general legislation of a social nature was through the efforts of the Political Action Committee.

A motion was unanimously passed extending PAC membership to the members of the old age pensioners group.

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uations for the higher bracket incomes.

Provisions Of Law

Provided by the ordinance is a one per cent tax on the following:

Wages, salaries and commissions of all residents,or those non-residents in the city; the net profits of all Toledo businesses or professions, or those conducted by non-residents in the city, and on that part of the net profits of corporations earned in Toledo.

To Deduct Wages

Payroll tax deductions will be made by employers from the pay checks of their employes, whereas declarations of estimate of the tax will be required of self-employed persons and others not classed as employes.

Payments of their annual tax may be made quarterly by those who make declared estimates. Revised estimates and final settlement are required before March 15, 1947.

Between $3,000,000 and $4,000,000 are expected to be raised each year as a result of the tax.

Oil Fight Is Crumbling

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (LPA)—The united front of the nation's major oil firms against pay raises was crumpling fast last week as Standard Oil of Indiana joined three other companies that had previously granted 18% wage hikes in accordance with recommendations of a government fact finding panel.

Standard announced that the 18%, which applies directly to 8400 workers at Whiting, Ind., would also be the basis for raising the pay of other non-union employes who were given only a 15% increase. Altogether the effects of the raise will be spread among 17,000 employes in 15 states.

In granting the 18% the fact finding panel disclosed that it would raise the average hourly pay from $1.20 to $1.40. Original demand of the United Oil Workers-CIO was a 30% raise. The company made it clear that in the cases where the 15% increase had already been given, the firm "cannot adjust the rates of its own initiative but is ready to discuss the subject with the union concerned."

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Packinghouse Picket Too Pokey

Nary a single moo punctured the quiet of the Chicago stock yards last week, and the only sound you could hear was the bellowing of bulls in uniform as they hoisted packinghouse pickets into patrol wagons. The only beef that came out of the packinghouses last week issued from strikers like Victor Kustush (above) who had to hoof it back to the picket line from the police station.

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zens of Toledo are not capable of making a just decision, just as we reject those who condemn the citizens for rejecting tax levies and bond issues. We reject these statements, because most of those who have made them have not contributed materially to the progress and welfare of Toledo, have little or no pride in this city, and will, if and when the proper time comes, pocket the gains they made here and go elsewhere.

It is the workers of Toledo who form the backbone of this city. It is the workers of Toledo with little or no prospects of ever accumulating sufficient wealth to move to Florida, California, New York or other places who want their city to make progress and become a place in which they can take pride.

And because it is from the pockets of the workers that the new era will be made possible, we believe that they should be given the opportunity to express themselves on the payroll tax.

Should the tax prove to be all that its proponents say it is, we believe it will win the support of the citizens. If, on the other hand, the tax should not prove to be the cure-all for our ills, including our lack of civic leadership, we are confident that nothing will save it.

We are willing to be convinced by performance, but unwilling to accept a tax based upon an equality which does not exist in fact until the people of Toledo say they are willing to accept it because its benefits outweigh its shortcomings.

Pickets Please Police

CHICAGO—(LPA) — Several thousand Chicago citizens who love to go to fires are just rankled enough this week to see the advantages of forming their own union. When a $100,000 fire destroyed a seven-story building near the center of the Chicago stockyards, picketing packinghouse workers let all the fire-fighting equipment through their lines. Then they closed ranks and the several thousand spectators had to view the fire at a distance—much to the gratification of police and firemen.

Strike Fund Begun

ST. LOUIS, MO. — (LPA) — American Newspaper Guild-CIO Local 47 here last week allocated an initial $1000 as a strike fund to be used in aiding both CIO and AFL unions on strike against the greed of industry. Also, President Philip Murray of CIO and United Steelworkers was sent a message that the local "stands" squarely behind him in the struggle which has been thrust upon him by reactionary and unpatriotic forces."

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MacArthur Asks CIO, AFL to Aid New Jap Unions

WASHINGTON (LPA) Jan. 28—(Exclusive)—The AFL and CIO were called upon last week by Gen. Douglas MacArthur to aid in the rebuilding of a free trade union movement in Japan. The two labor organizations were asked to select representatives to join a special Labor Committee scheduled to leave for Tokyo this week to make a 90-day study of Japanese social and economic conditions.

Both the CIO and AFL have named their representatives but at week's end it was not yet certain that the two would be sufficiently free of other work to make that trip.

The labor men will be part of a group of 15, including government and research experts, that will make recommendations on restoring democratic labor organizations, establishment of a social security system, formation of an employment service and possibly a program for redistribution of labor surplusses.

Problem of Wages

In addition, the whole problem of wages and its relation to prices and what remains of price controls will be explored, according to Dr E. J. Eberling, chairman of the committee. Chiefly, he said, the mission will be a technical one designed to lay the groundwork for restoration of a healthy Japanese economy.

Political freedom, which the Japanese are obtaining in increasing quantities, has been accompanied in recent months by a real growth of free trade unionism which has made remarkable strides, declared Eberling who is a professor of labor economics on leave from Vanderbilt University.

Japs Have Problems

Japan is now beset by myriad problems whose impact was felt hardly at all in the U. S. and England, he continued. One of these problems has grown out of the Allied de-industrialzation program, which has already left hundreds of thousands jobless. It may be necessary, Eberling said, to redistribute labor surplusses (Tokyo alone has more than 600,00 unemployed) from former industrial areas into rural and agricultural sections.

"One of the most interesting results of American influence in Japan," said Eberling, "may be whether Japanese labor adopts American patterns of unionism or evolves a type of organization preculiar to its own history and traditions."

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charges that GM had failed to bargain in good faith with the union. The hearing was adjourned to Feb. 11.

Steel Is Watched

Even more importance is now attached to the steel strike than to GM as a result of two of the big three of the automotive industry settling with the UAW-CIO.

There is still some talk in Washington about the government taking over the steel plants unless the strike is settled within the next few days. Precedents for such action have already been set in both the oil and meat strikes where the government took over after striking workers had been unable to reach wage agreements with the industries effected.

Despite the threat of the government taking over the steel strikes, there is an air of optimism and belief here that the steel industry will settle with the Steelworkers before allowing its plants to be taken under control by the government.

Question Of Price

While the steel corporation has not made any new proposal for settling the strike which has idled 750,000 steel workers, the price increase which OPA has agreed to, $2.50 a ton, is believed to be sufficient to take care of the upward wage adjustments for which the union will settle.

Benjamin F. Fairless, president of U. S. Steel has spend the past several days here discussing various phases of the strike with government officials. He will go to New York where other discussions will take place with steel company officials.

Peace Believed Near

In the light of the almost complete change which has taken place in the industrial situation in the past week, hopes for an early settlement of the country's major strikes are high here and elsewhere throughout the country.

Authorities close to the situation are now predicting that the major strikes should all be settled within the next week or 10 days and express the belief that the majority of industry will be going full blast in another 30 days. Labor leaders see in the settlements which have already taken place, the basis for additional wage compromises and expect that the wage pattern will be set for all American industry based upon the occurances of the past week.

Everything now depends upon prompt settlement of the steel strike.

Tracy Leaves Labor

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28—LPA —After more than five years in the position, Dan W. Tracy has resigned as First Assistant Secretary of Labor. He is former president of the AFL Electrical Workers.

Tracy entered the position back in the early part of the defense program, at the strong urging of the late President Roosevelt, in order to provide a closer liaison between the labor movement and the Administration during the war.

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ers who paid them less than the legal minimum.

There was a bitter fight in the committee over the measure, though it had the sponsorship of ten leading Democratic Senators and was introduced by Sen. Claude Pepper (D., Fla.). Opponents predict attempts will be made to emasculate the bill, both by cutting the 65c figure, and by making crippling exceptions in coverage under the act, when it reaches the Senate floor.

Unions have wholeheartedly supported the measure, meanwhile pointing out that through their own efforts they have done a good job of establishing at least the 65c wage floor in industries heretofer unorganized.

Unions Denounce Virginia Head

RICHMOND, Va. Jan. 28—(LPA) — Virginia's new governor drew fire from both the CIO and AFL within a week of his inauguration when he asked the General Assembly last week to ban union organization of state and municipal employes.

Gov. William M. Tuck was denounced by the unions for demanding that no public official be permitted to negotiate or even recognize grievances of any group of government employes.

CIO Regional Director Ernest B. Pugh said that Tuck's stand would not discourage organization but may "add impetus to it."

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while they were closed up because of strikes, then you would see some of them more anxious to come to terms."

Repeal Is Asked

Undismayed by quick howls of protest from the National Association of Manufacturers which argued that Murray "resorted to the use of unreal and hypothetical assumptions," Rep. Bailey (D., W. Va.) introduced legislation calling for repeal of the carry-back provisions of the law effective as of Dec. 31. 1946. A similar bill was offered by Rep. Charles LaFollette (R., Ind.).

Murray's charges were substantiated in the electrical industry by Julius Emspak, secretary-treasurer of the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers-CI9, who revealed that "because of tax laws designed by Congress to finance industry for not producing, pocketbooks of the American people may be tapped for as much as $38,000,000 this year by the General Electric and Westinghouse Electric Corporations for propaganda to fight unions in their plants.

The United Auto Workers-CIO declared that the law "in effect subsidizes those corporations which have defied government policy by refusing to settle wage rates with their employes on a fair and equitable basis, and means that the taxpayers finance the employers in their defiance." The UAW called on the administration to prepare legislation withholding the benefits of the carry back provisions from corporations "which refuse to adjust the grievances of their employes."

Labor Chills Truman Propos

Continued from Page 1

William Leiserson, former NLRB member.

UAW President R. J. Thomas charged that the auto industry wanted the labor-management conference last fall to fail. "They wanted more strikes," said Thomas, "because, as one of their spokesmen put it, 'As industrial turmoil increases, more and more people will see the evils generated by collective bargaining and we should look forward to the time when all federal labor laws will be repealed.'"

The UAW president told the committee that it should be fully aware of how much "cooling off" there has been by labor. "I the auto industry," he continued, "we remained 'cool' all through the war while most of the auto companies were following a definite policy of kicking us in the teeth.

We 'cooled off' for 90 days after the end of the war in an effort to get GM to consider a wage increase. Our workers continue to 'cool off' in the Chrysler and Ford plants. Our pickets are freezing outside the gates of GM plants all over the country while GM is heating up the press and heating up Congress.

They Blew Their Tops

WASHINGTON—(LPA) — A demand for a 60% wage increase in order to bring annual wages to $15,000 was advanced last week by the Airline Pilots Ass'n—AFL and the aviation industry promptly developed a case of the screaming meemies. Ralph S. Damon, president of American Airlines, excitedly announced that such a pay hike could wreck contemplated reductions in passenger fare and discourage large scale popular use of planes.

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Showing the condition of the Association at the close of business Dec. 31, 1945

ASSETS			LIABILITIES		
First Mortgage Loans		$ 6,978,628.65	Due Borrowers on Unfinished Building Account		$ 36,821.54
Second Mortgage Loans (Carried at Nominal Value of $1.00 each		3.00	Property Management Collections		82.34
Taxes and Insurance (Advance for Borrowers)		3,985.36	United States Savings Bonds Sales Agency Account		4,837.50
Certificates of Indebtedness (Carried at Nominal Value)		2.00	Escrow Fund (For Borrowers' Expense, etc.)		15,479.01
Real Estate—Office Building		333,380.33	Lease with Option Credits		16,243.05
Real Estate Sold on Lease with Option to Purchase		67,517.18	Specific Reserves (For Taxes, Savings and Loan Insurance Premium and Social Security Old Age Benefits)		35,674.23
Other Real Estate		292,029.79	Income Tax Withheld		720.21
Furniture and Fixtures		2,401.58	Contingent Profits		49,556.85
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock		101,200.00	Contingent Earnings		51.62
Bonds:			Total Liabilities		$ 159,466.35
United States Saving Bonds Series G	$ 450,000.00		NET WORTH		
US Treasury	13,240,000.00		Running Stock	$21,185,277.39	
Municipal	62,500.00	13,752,500.00	Statutory Reserve Fund	662,586.05	
Cash:			Special Reserve Fund	40,000.00	
On hand and in Banks	548,975.93		Undivided Profits Fund	233,294.03	22,121,157.47
On Deposit Fed. Home Loan Bank	200,000.00	748,975.93			
Total Assets		$22,280,623.82	Total Liabilities-Net Worth		$22,280,623.82

Interest Due and Uncollected....$1,998.22

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LUCAS COUNTY }

R. S. Leist, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Secretary of People's Saving Association of Toledo, Ohio, and that to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true statement and correctly shows the financial condition of said Association at the close of business December 31, 1945. R. S. LEIST, Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January A. D. 1946.
DAVID A. ETTERS,
(SEAL) Notary Public in and for Lucas County, Ohio.

CERTIFICATE OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the undersigned, Orris N. Berkebile and William H. Smith, Auditing Committee of the said People's Savings Association of Toledo, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing to the best of our knowledge and belief, is a true statement and correctly shows the financial condition of said Association at the close of business December 31, 1945.

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We often wonder how many Union members give any thought to those who sacrifice hundreds of dollars for a great cause. We are referring to union members who spend days and nights on the picket lines.

No matter how cold or how wet it is the pickets are always at's on the job, and for whom? Not only for their gains, but for yours also. Whatever they get in raises or better working conditions, so will you.

You who are working every day can keep warm these cold days. If your department isn't warm enough you can complain to the boss and get it corrected. Pickets cannot do this. They are lucky to get a hot cup of coffee. All your Union is asking is for you to donate one dollar each week to help those strikers who need aid.

Many strikers have children. It takes a great deal of money to buy food, pay rent, gas, electric and coal bills.

Let's all show our belief in our Union by donating when the steward asks for your donation for the G. M. Also to the many who read this column, how about you? Just send it to the General Motors Committee in care of Local 12, UAW-CIO, 425 Winthrop St. Give today and believe it, you will be happier than you ever were. Let's all wear that yellow card that reads "I support the G. M. Workers and ot a 30% raise."

iam **DUES**

ed to the many thousand PAC fo bers. Have you paid your ra. dues yet? You should do as this year we elect those who are going to represent us in State Legislature and Congress.

County officials and a governor will also be elected.

All we have had to work with in Columbus and Washington are those who represent big business. We think it's time the workers were represented. It takes money to do this so join up today. Ask your steward about a membership.

Jim Portteous, a well known figure around the forge shop, was operated on for ulcers on Thursday, Jan. 24, at Robinwood Hospital. We wish him the best of luck.

We want to thank the IAM for the cooperation they have always given us in the past and for donating to that great cause, the G. M. Strike Fund. Thanks, brothers. This is one of the many things that cause us to feel proud, because it is not just a CIO fight. It will benefit all who toil with their hands.

We wish to thank the many who have donated blood to those who need transfusions in hospitals. This is a fine deed. Have you signed up yet to the Blood Donors' Club? If not ask your steward for a form to fill out.

AFL Presidents To Aid CIO Strikers

years

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (LPA)—Four presidents of AFL international unions and a vice-president of a fifth last week joined four CIO officials in formation of a United Labor Committee to Aid UAW-GM Strikers.

Declaring the committee's purpose "is to rally the full support of organized labor behind the UAW-CIO's strike to persuade General Motors to comply with the laws of the land and with long-accepted collective bargaining practices" the nine sponsors are:

President David Dubinsky, International Ladies Garment Workers-AFL; President Sal B. Hoffman, Upholsterers International Union-AFL; President A. Philip Randolph, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters-AFL; President Max Zaritsky, United Hatters, Cap & Millinery Workers-AFL; Vice-President Elmer Brown, International Typographical Union-AFL; CIO Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey; President Emil Rieve, Textile Workers Union of America; President Samuel Wolchok, United Retail, Wholesale & Department Store Employes-CIO; CIO Director of Organization Allan Haywood.

Champion Unit Sparklets

The members of Dept. D send best wishes for a speedy recovery to Florence Justice, who is convalescing from a recent operation.

Beulah McGillvary of Dept. D can now be classed with the best of bowlers. From what we heard she received a $40 share of the prize money in the Central State Bowling Tournament at Detroit.

Don't forget the night of Feb. 7 is Champion Unit meeting — several important issues, so be on hand—"seniority" nomination of Executive Committee, convention delegates.

John Lukasik, Dept. B, claims to have bowled 203 last Friday evening. That surely wasn't for three games, I hope!

Chuck (C. B.) Johnson was finally convinced that his latest sport shirt is RED. P. S. "C. B." is colored blind.

The members of the Champion Unit are now proud to say that we are 100 per cent in the G. M. assessment. Hat's off for the good work.

It it's basketball you enjoy, we'll be looking for you at Scott High next Monday evening. As the Champion team will be fighting to regain the lead that they recently lost by their only loss at the hands of Auto-Lite in the Local 12 League. In the Industrial League that meets at the Y. M. C. A. on Tuesdays we have been defeated twice by a strong L-O-F Glass club. The team deserves a lot of support, so let's get out and back them.

Commutator Comments

We extend our sincere thanks to the election committee which served during our recent Unit election and handled it in a very efficient and satisfactory manner.

Does Paul Lowther get the Chamber of Commerce paper? If he doesn't get the UNION JOURNAL, he should turn his name and address in to the committee.

A gifted alibi artists is Roman Miller. His stuff is original and he is a gifted excuse maker. Wish we had him around sometimes when we are on our way home late at night trying to think up a good one to tell the little woman.

Henry Rosen donated some pennies to Blanche Dewey. But, does anyone know what she did with them?

Alice Geis, a beginner at the card game, euchre, would like to learn some of the fine points of the game. Teachers may contact her.

The Local is putting on some really fine boxing shows each Tuesday night. If you enjoy real bouts where the boys are in there always trying, you should get a crowd together and go to the Civic Auditorium and see these battles. They are really good.

We are glad to have John McNair back with us again after doing his stretch in the war. We are also sorry that work is not more plentiful in our plant so we could have all the old gang working. Things are beginning to brighten a bit and we may have things going strong again, this time for peace.

First USES Battle Won

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (LPA)—President Truman with solid labor backing won the first round of his fight last week to prevent transfer of the United States Employment Service back to the various states before June, 1947.

By a 13 to 3 vote the House Labor Committee aprroved the Truman-endorsed legislation, but the bill was scheduled for rough going when it reaches the House floor with the expectation that several reactionary congressmen will try to make make the period of federal control shorter.

The administration's victory almost turned into a major triumph when a motion to retain USES under permanent federal jurisdiction lost out on an 8 to 8 tie.

Permanent United States operation was favored by all sections of organized labor. Efforts by Representative Dirksen (R., Ill.), who had the support of a powerful combined lobby of state governors and big business, to push through legislation returning USES to the states in 30 days was downed by a vote of 9 to 6.

The increasingly huge job which USES faces was indicated last week by USES Director Robert C. Goodwin who reported that the number of calls at local offices rose from less than 5,000,000 in July to 10,000,000 in December. Job applications by World War II veterans jumped 500 per cent from 142,000 in July to 656,000 in December. More than 2,200,000 veterans applied for jobs in the last six months.

Displaced war workers receiving unemployment compensation over the same period rose from 300,000 to 1,800,000. Veterans receiving servicemen's readjustment allowances through applications filed at USES offices soared from 39,000 in July to 450,000 in December.

The Acklinite

By Bud Herroon

One of the important meetings of the year was held Sunday at the Union hall. A discussion of a wage increase held the attention of the people. It is about time the company realizes that a substantial wage increase is necessary to cover the higher cost of living.

Nominations Sunday were hot and heavy, which leaves much discussion and campaigning for the next month. Let's try to keep the campaign on an honest basis and not put a fellows good name in the mud just for our own interests.

Good luck to our convention candidate Frank Young, who passed with flying colors and is deserving of going. He has done a splendid job as chairman this past year.

A list of the candidates running for office this year will be published next week so that you will have time to go over their qualities and vote for a man for the job. Let's make our shop 100% democratic this year.

Congratulations for your generosity and willingness toward the General Motors Stirke. It's all for a good cause and we hope we won't need to continue it much longer.

Your annual safety council starts Feb. 12, 1946 for three months. Everyone get behind the safety program and make our shop a safe place to work.

Auxiliary Breaks Up

Women of the Local 57 Auxiliary have disbanded and sent the following notice to the JOURNAL:

To Whom It may Concern:

We, the undersigned, officers of Auxiliary 58 will no longer be responsible for the property and effects of the now disbanded Auxiliary 58 after Jan. 25, 1946. The properties have been itemized and turned over to the trustees of Local 12.

Margaret Burkart
Amelia Berning
Lois Mattox.

Lewis Joins AFL Again

Puts Miners Back In Former Union

MIAMI, FLA., Jan. 28—(LPA) John L Lewis signed a check for $9000 last week and 600,000 miners found themselves back in the AFL which they deserted almost 10 years ago.

In paying the United Mine Workers' January dues, Lewis also took over the seat at the AFL Executive Council table vacated by Harvey W. Brown, president of the International Association of Machinists, whose 700,000 members dropped out of the Federation in October, 1945.

Declaring that he had no fear that Lewis would "intrigue" against him, AFL President William Green said that "I interpret this step taken by the mine workers as evidence of their determination to wipe out of the division of labor and to establish unity. It might be interpreted as a move to place the house of labor in order. It will have a profound effect upon the expansion and development of a united labor movent."

He added that "The story that I was going to retire with the return of Mr. Lewis is false. I am going to continue as president of the AFL."

One Discordant Note

The one discordant note in Lewis' "homecoming" was the vehement objection of the 35,000 members of the Progressive Miners of America. President John Marchiando declared that "The act of the Executive Council in my opinion is a strict violation of the AFL constitution."

The last AFL convention, he asserted, ruled that an AFL affiliate must give its consent before another organization in the same craft may be admitted.

"That consent has never been given—and never will be—by the Progressive Miners of America," said Marchiando.

Lewis' Stormy Career

Lewis' career has been one of the stormiest in the history of the U. S. labor movement. In 1924 he ran against Samuel Gompers for presidency of the AFL and lost He was the guilding spirit in the founding of the Committee for Industrial Organization after the 1935 AFL convention refused to approve a minority report on industrial unionism. The UMW and the other unions composing the Committee were suspended from the AFL in 1936 and expelled in 1937.

Lewis' famous meeting with Myron Taylor, chairman of the board of U. S. Steel in 1937 made possible the first union contract with the collossus of American industry after a bloody and violent struggle lasting a generation. With Lewis at the helm, the CIO broke through the open shop fortresses of auto, rubber and electrical products industries.

Broke With FDR

Starting as a staunch supporter of President Roosevelt after the 1932 election (he voted for Hoover in 1932) the late President's "a plague on both your houses" during the little steel strike of 1937 marked the beginning of his break with the New Deal.

In 1940, Lewis supported Wendell Wilkie and staked his leadership of the CIO on the outcome of the election. When Willkie lost, Lewis stepped down from the presidency of the organization which he founded.

Although Philip Murray who replaced him was reputed to be Lewis' personal choice, relations between the two men rapidly grew worse. Lewis withdrew from the CIO after charging the latter with refusal to repay its financial debt to the miners. Lewis subsequently became as bitter a critic of the CIO as he had been of the AFL.

Warns Wall Street

Rep. Andrew J. Biemiller (D., Wisc.), one of organized labor's most outspoken advocates in Washington, last week told Congress that "The economic Bourbons of Wall Street proved again they have learned nothing and forgotten everything since 1939" Praising labor for having accepted fact finding recommendations, Biemiller warned flatly that the Wall Street reactionaries "hope to smash labor and all liberal legisation." (LPA).

National *Supply Unit News*

The following were elected on the nominating committee: John Stanton, Rollie Fredricks, A. Leftridge, Kenny Rarick, Henry Lorenz, F. Kaszynski, H. Harris. Give your choice of candidates for the offices to be filled at the coming shop election to these brothers.

We hope the candidates for the various offices will not "throw dirt" at the other fellow, and not brag about themselves on hand-bills passed out through the shop. Remember, talk is cheap. When you are elected, that is the time to show the membership how good you are.

We hear that Fred Dorrell, personnel manager, bid on a job in the Good Housekeeping department and turned it in to our secretary, who in turn rejected his bid for the following reasons: No mechanical background, can't read blueprints, can't climb, no A. B. degree, and does not have the ability to learn very quickly. How are you getting by on your present job, Fred?

Mr. Williams, works manager, believes in giving his employees all the free air they need, but not one thing more. He still believes in the theory of "Down with the masses, up with the classes." He can't understand why his employees don't go out on strike. He only has 142 faithful men left, and he can't be too severe or he may lose some of them.

Al Coci, inspection department, has been showing all his friends the new scale his boss gave him. We can hardly believe this of our good friend Rodney. Fritz Wiser, Dept. 86, says the pants he is wearing these days are called miners' pants. With all that slack in them, Fritz, we believe you.

Tommy Alcock, Dept. 40, is on his way to Florida this week. With weather like this, we envy Tommy.

Our Welfare Committee and Treasurer had a meeting the other night to go over the books. They broke up at 2:30 a. m. and walked down four flights of stairs and out onto the street. Mr. Birtwhistle at this time remembered he had brought an overcoat with him to the meeting but did not have it on at the moment After pounding on he door for 30 minutes, a night worker opened the door so Birt could walk up the same four flights of stairs to recover his coat. This makes us tired to even read about it.

We didn't make much progress at our meeting with the company the other day, but Dick Gosser didn't pull any punches when he told them what would happen in the near future. Mr. Williams had the answers spoken before Mr. Gosser asked the questions. Keep your fingers crossed, girls, we may be seeing you around again.

Canco Unit Opener

By Carmen Nader

LO AND BEHOLD..

Did you know that there is a girl in the plant who has improved her bowling by applying Crisco to her ball?

Margie Myers is anxiously awaiting the return of her man —and she is not alone in this world.

It sure amazes us to find that Calvin Bailey is still on the night shift. What is it that holds you there Cal?

GRAVE

Very few people realize the seriousness of the election of officers to be held Sunday, Feb. 3, 1946. The voting will take place in the Unit office at Local 12 in Room 315. The outcome of the election has great bearing on the wage issue and you should all make an attempt to cast your ballot. The election will decide whether or not we will "change horses in the middle of the stream." Be there and cast your vote.

Due to the fact that your reporter was short on new items this week, it was impossible to write more. However, we'll be back on the beam next week and batting out the stuff 240.

Mennonites Meet Unionism

NEW YORK (LPA)—Seeking a common ground, militant unionists of ILGWU and determined pacifists of the Mennonite faith, who vehemently disapprove of such pressure action as strikes and picketin, met recently in Lancaster, Pa., and found many principles of social justice in which they both believe, according to Justice, ILGWU-AFL publication.

The Mennonite spokesmen indicated a willingness to make a positive commitment on the desirability of an acceptance of the principles of unionism by their followers, based on their better understanding of collective bargaining, negotiation and arbitration. Dr. Broadus Mitchell was one of the union's representatives at the meetings.

Yale & Towne Set Back

STAMFORD, CONN.—(LPA) —Yale & Towne's efforts to use the law courts as a cat's paw, to pull management's chestnuts out for the hot fire of this strike-bound town, failed last week when Judge Benjamin H. Mead acquitted five pickets who had been charged with breach of the peace in their protest of the company's anti-labor atti-

Toledo Stamping Notes

The unit meeting at which time officers will be elected for the coming year, will be held Saturday, Feb. 9 in parlor "C", 425 Winthrop St. You may vote anytime from 12 o'clock noon. Meeting will be called at 2 o'clock. Be sure to vote.

NOTICE — Employees temporarily laid off, are expected to vote too.

Candidates are as follows: chairman, Ernie Jakubowski, Ann Plichcinski and Howard Probst. Vice chairman, Chas. Fessler, Jos. Juszczak and Ann Plichcinski. Secretary-treasurer, Addie Van Klingeren and Amber Eagleton. Committee, Pete Zebrowski, Rosalind Emerson, Addie Van Klingeren, Ann Plichcinski, Jos. Juszczak, Howard Probst, Helen Pugh, Chas. Fessler and Barbara Kohler.

The collection for the GM strike fund, amounted to $136.00. Of this amount, $93.00 was collected on days and $43.00 on nights.

Gertie Mason announced a birthday recently, together with the fact she has lost twenty pounds. It looks like another candidate for Miss America or maybe Mrs. America. The brazers are definitely on a diet. And used fats at four cents a pound.

It seems all the girls flip the lip and come up with he same chorus, "Who's the new time checker and who's the driver taking Cowboy's place?" Swoon bait, gals.

According to research conducted by Rita Menden, statistics show that there is a birth every minute in New York City. "Yeh," quips Ted Drocy, "But why does she look at me, I live in Swanton." (Mmm! Did somebody let Martin's corn crib open again?)

Butch says that was a mighty pretty cocktail set the folks got Ann Plichcinski for Xmas, but it would look a whole lot nicer with something in it.

Frank Wilke was in the shop Thursday after being laid up for two months as the result of an accident. He will soon be back.

Ted Szymanski is back on the job after 43 months in the army. It's great to welcome the boys back.

CIO Gives Awards

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Five new awards for meritorious achievement in the field of race relations during 1945 were announced this week by the National CIO Committee to Fight Discrimination.

Named to receive the citations were: Bishop Bernard J. Sheil, of Chicago; Lillian Smith, author; Anna Hedgeman, executive secretary of the National Council For a Permanent FEPC; Frank Sinatra, singer; and Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union-CIO. Two other wards were previously given to President John Green, of the Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers-CIO, and Harold Gibbons, director of the St. Louis Joint Council of the United Retail, Wholesale & Department Store Employes-CIO.

In announcing the awards, CIO Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey also revealed that he had written a letter to the presidents of all CIO national and international unions urging them to have incorporated in any new contracts a provision barring employers from denying jobs to any person because of race, creed or color.

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A Changing Picture

Within one week's time, the industrial picture which looked dark and unpromising has changed.

Today, due to the action of Ford and Chrysler in granting increases in line with the demands of the workers for higher wages, the outlook has changed and it now appears that within a short time the country can hit its stride and begin to produce the many things which are so urgently needed.

While we are pleased with the turn which events have taken, it does not lessen the fact that for many months industry has taken advantage of the situation and used its position as a weapon for beating down the just demands of the workers.

We learn by experience, and the experience of the past several months should provide the unions of the country with the necessary knowledge to seek and secure protection from a repition of what has been going on.

There is no reason why Congress should not pass laws protecting labor from the savage attacks and below-the-belt punches of big business. The same law which originally was written to protect the industrialists from financial losses, not only was a potential threat to the labor unions, but was actually used in an attempt to obstruct and destroy them.

Even when the strikes are over, the danger has not passed. Labor knows that its fight for increased security never ends, it merely varies in intensity.

Demands made by CIO leaders, President Philip Murray, Walter Reuther, R. J. Thomas and others that the carry back provisions of the tax law be amended in such a way that the unions would not be victimized by it should not be dropped even when peace once more comes to the industrial scene. This project should be carried out and Congress made to recognize the injustice of subsidizing union breaking.

Many things have been learned from the present strike situation. Mistakes which have occured should be guarded against in the future and the unions should prepare themselves for the next threat which probably even now is in the making.

Industrial peace so necessary to the welfare and progress of the country appears to be in the offing. Let us not forget the sacrifices and lessons of the past and guard against the dangers of the future.

Time For PAC

As the country moves from industrial strife to peace, the time is ripe for the Political Action Committee to swing into action in an endeavor to meet the pitfalls which seem to go hand-in-hand with increased employment and higher wages.

Those who marched on the picket lines of America during the past few months, have, to a considerable extent, arrived at the conclusion that ballots are as great a weapon as the picket line. What the picket line is to management, ballots are to politicians.

Before the country goes into a wave of prosperity which we know cannot last, every member of CIO and those who do not belong to CIO, but who are interested in increased security for all the people, would do well to join the Political Action Committee and take an active interest in the political future of the plain people.

Membership in PAC is not expensive and should consist in more than paying one dollar in dues.

PAC cannot go forward and do the work for which it was created with mere dues paying members. It takes more than a membership card in PAC to make the organization tick and accomplish its work.

As we go into the future and increased wages and employment make a higher standard of living possible, the need for PAC will be intensified. It is during the coming period of fuller industrial productivity that labor must get itself set for the storms of the future.

During the war years, despite the efforts of PAC, the workers failed to heed the warnings of their leaders who predicted the situation in which labor today finds itself. Workers were told then that an effective PAC was the answer to a large section of their troubles, yet, it has taken the past five months to make many of them realize that they could have softened the blow brought about as a result of the economic dislocation inherent in the ending of the war.

Today, labor is about on the verge of better times. Today is the day when labor should prepare for the storms of the future. The best thing any worker could do now is to join PAC.

What's New?

By Pfc. Edward Duck
On Leave With The U. S. Army

NICE PEOPLE

Brooke General Hospital, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, Jan. 14. —Stop me if I'm wrong, but I think I've got a point here. This gripe has lingered in my brain for a long time. Maybe you've thought about the same thing, but being less fortunate than I, you lack the opportunity of letting off literary steam now and then. (It reaches more people than verbal steam, you know.)

The beef is this: Why should newspapers devote so much space to what is commonly known as the "society" section?

Don't you get tired of such carrying on? Come, now, doesn't it give you a slight pain in the neck? Those same people having teas and bridge parties and holiday guests and complimentary luncheons and open houses and whatnot, week after week, month after month, year in and year out, is to yours truly a huge bundle of hufty-magufty, if I may say so.

"Miss Goldye Shekels has been the week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Baldwyn Shekels." So what?

"Madam Phoebe Hepplebottom's pekineese, Terri, pictured with her at the left, will enter the Bluebonnet Canine Exhibition next April 27th." Again, who cares? Do you? I don't either. Who does?

"Seen at the Derby were the Misses Penelope Prettynaugle and Jill Dillingworth, lovely daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Dabney Dillingworth." Seen my eyeball! Their doting mother ran down to the society editor and volunteered the whole business, including two dozen photographs from which the most noble looking profile shot was selected!

BALONEY

And there is Bettye Jo Benningham, head erect, chin thrust forward in a "go ahead and hit me, I dare you!" pose. She's celebrating the holidays, we are told, and we find her gracing the rotogravure page, big as life, just because she's doing what 130 million others are doing, in their own less noteworthy way. Baloney.

They even go so far with this tripe as to tell people that babies spent a day or two with their grandparents. Lots of grandparents watch their children without putting it into print, but the social lions and lionesses sieze upon such an opportunity to publicize themselves and their offspring and their offspring's offspring.

Just what is behind all this? I'll tell you what it is: The society page is basically and fundamentally an instrument designed to perpetuate the theory of superiority of the monied class.

RESPECTABLE?

The so-called smart set, the "respectable," blue blooded touch-me-nots, whose wives divorces than average middle-class people, and whose husbands dissipate more quickly and philander more freely than the average breadwinner does, are placed on pedestals for all to behold, with the intention that we shall render them the veneration and tribute which they deserve.

We are given a daily reminder, supplemented by a Sunday rotogravure, that these fine people are the group which counts. If we offer enough adulation and elbow our way close enough to sing their praises in an audible voice, perhaps some day we, too, shall inherit the fortunes which they inherited or married into. Ah, me!

Let them have their teas and lawn fetes, their coming-out parties and recitals, but why, I ask, should everyone be told about these monkey-shines? We don't give a hoot if Mrs. Pennypacker received the guests at the door or if Lulu Perrywinkle assisted in serving. Why bother us?

One more thing. Did anyone ever read about a wedding where the bride wasn't "resplendent, dazzling or lovely?" She might have had cane from the crown of her head to the back of her knees, but she sure was a gorgeous dish!

Quartet From Lucifer — *By Patterson*

It's News To Me . . .

By O. J. Pecord

OFF YEAR

In political parlance, this is what is commonly known as an "off year."

Just how it came to be called "off year" is presumably because it is not the year for the presidential elections; but to the Republicans, it means an "on" year when they beat the ears off the Democrats. It's an "off" year for the Democrats and an "in" year for their Republican opponents.

All this is by way of leading into a little speculation about the 1946 elections, which, if they could be immediately held would probably see a lot of Democrats winning. Unfortunately for the Democrats and fortunately for the Republicans, a lot of water can course beneath the bridge between now and November, and it is quite possible that once again the Republicans will make sizable gains in the state legislatures and Congress.

Right now while the country is in the midst of an economic mess, an election would no doubt prove to be highly favorable to the Democrats, but a few months can and probably will make considerable difference in the political thinking of the people of this country.

With growing unemployment, dissatisfaction because relief roles are again becoming the style due to exhaustion of unemployment claims, unsatisfactory wage scales, strikes and the threat of anti-labor legislation hanging over the heads of a large segment of the population, things would be rosy for the Democrats.

IT WILL CHANGE

But already things are beginning to change. Settlement of the Ford and Chrysler wage demands, the promise of an early settlement in the steel strike, the willingness of General Motors to resume negotiations and the quick change which has taken place in the short space of one week give us a slight idea of what may occur between now and November.

It is now obvious that is a change coming. All signs point to a resumption of industry and a return to a large scale employment program. The demand for goods is high, and, at the present time highly effective. Every indication is for a boom of varying intensity. Nobody knows now just how great the upswing will be, but one thing is almost certain. There will be an upswing.

And in the face of a situation which grows better; in the face of higher wages, more automobiles, radios, refrigerators, washing machines, sweepers, ironers, furniture and milady's nylon hose, the workers of the country are going to have a somewhat altered outlook on life.

The small depression from which we are already beginning to recover as a result of industry's willingness to call off their war with the unions in the light of their greater interests-profits-probably will be forgotten in the new era toward which we are at present travelling.

WILL THEY CHANGE

Remembering back to 1942, we are painfully aware that less than one year after the war started, millions of workers were so satisfied with everything that they failed to vote and as a result aided in electing a Congress which proceeded to write the Smith-Connally Act and revoked the executive order limiting incomes in the higher brackets among other actions unfavorable to labor.

With the memory of 1942 so vividly etched upon our memory, it would seem that if the country enjoys any reasonable amount of prosperity between now and November that the Republicans will be able to win, if for no other reason than that a lot of wage earners will forget their present unempoyment; forget the difficulty they had in getting by on the unemployment compensation; forget that their unemployment compensation was used up and they were up against a tough time; forget the low take-home pay and the strikes and the war they went through to win an increase.

The very same people who forgot in 1942 and went home to take their nap after completing their day's work, are going to be eligible to vote again this fall. Will they again pat their full tummies and lie down and sleep, or will they remember what happended to them the last time they took a snooze?

In addition to the danger of the workers going back to sleep when prosperity once more lulls them into a false sense of security, there are also serious attempts being made by some of the more progressive members of the Republican party to snap the Grand Old Elephant out of its reactionary ways and instill enough progressiveness into it to win the confidence of the workers.

What happens to the Republican party in its inner struggles to snap out of its conservative ways is a matter that requires separate treatment; but at this great distance, it now appears that when November rolls around, another "off year" election will be held and it will be off for a lot of Democrats. The party never was trusted except in adversity and the smooth sailing and storm making has ever been the part of the GOP.

Editor's Mail

Dislikes Tax

Dear Sir:

Your editorials are fine. That of Jan. 11 was extra, extra.

We're not going to have enough time to study over the payroll tax plan. That's for sure.

But in all the words about the tax, the most important points seem to have been completely and purposely ignored.

1. The cost of collection.

a) An entirely new working force will be needed.

b) Excessive detail will be involved in ascertaining Toledo earned income. (I don't believe income tax figures can be used, can they?)

2. Further infringement on the general welfare by new bureaucrats and their henchmen.

a) We haven't gotten rid of all the war agencies whose main role now appears to be to hamper everything.

If any thorough explanation of these things has been made, I've completely missed it.

Another big point in connection with city income has been completely hushed for a long time.

The U. S. Government as owner of a lot of houses that our taxes will eventually pay for, is our biggest tax delinquent. If they paid up, there would not be quite so much necessity for a payroll tax. Its need would be cut in half.

These occupants and their occupants get full use of all the tax-produced benefits our city gives. If they produce no tax income revenue, then the rest of us must be taxed for them. A great injustice, but maybe this extra wind-fall will come to pass after our P(erpetually) R(egal) Council rushes through the pay roll tax.

Joe O'Neil,
2155 Lawrence

Compliments Gosser

I am writing the JOURNAL to compliment it for the fine job it did of reporting the payroll tax argument in City Council, also to say that I'm glad someone had the courage to oppose the thing.

Dick Gosser did a good job, but it apparently wasn't enough to satisfy the members of Council that the people of Toledo were not favorable to the tax unless it had some exemptions for those who are getting low wages.

My hope is that the CIO will see that the people get a chance to vote on the payroll tax by the time the fall election is held. Maybe we can't convince Council with arguments, but we should be able to sound convincing with ballots. It was a good fight while it lasted, and you fellows did a good job even if the cards were stacked against you.

Fraternally yours,
Joe Zahnle,
Monroe, Mich.

P. S.: I'll pay the tax because I work in Toledo, but I won't be able to vote on it Taxation without representatios caused a slight war in 1776.

Washington Labor Report

By Bradford V. Carter

HOUSING FIASCO

The strikes have crowded off the front pages the government's handling of the housing situation, which in other times could easily have assumed the proportions of a public scandal. The only reason it is getting noticed at all is because of the desperate plight of veterans living in discarded buses and chicken coops.

By the end of 1946, under the best possible circumstances, 3,000,000 families will have to double up with other families, if they are fortunate enough to find somebody with whom to double up.

Now, this state of affairs goes back many years to the basic inability of the government to develop and carry through a thorough-going housing program. Not that it can't be recognized that the real estate and banking lobby operated against any such decent solution of our housing mess.

A serious housing situation has, now, however, been made desperate by transition policies of federal gencies. Looming large is the "back to normalcy" push of the War Production Board and its successor agency, the Civilian Production Administration.

RESPONSIBILITY

Under the direction of J. A. Krug and John D. Small, the WPB must bear the brunt of responsibility for knocking out the underpinnings from an intelligent housing program. Their contribution consisted in the abolition of L-41, the WPB order which controlled the kinds of construction which could be undertaken. It required no major prophet to foresee that with the lid off, scarce building materials would go into more profitable channels than decent housing for veterans and workers in the lower income groups. That is precisely what has happened.

A belated attempt has been made to reinstate controls over construction. This new control gives priority for building materials to housing projects scheduled to sell for under $10,000 or rent under $80 a month. Again, it's pretty clear what is going to happen. The largest volume of construction will take place at the upper limit—namely, $10,00 sale price or $80 rental.

How does this compare with what people can afford to pay? Budget experts say a family ought not spend more than a week's earnings for a month's rent—or more than 2½ times its annual income for the purchase of a home. That is, if it is not to deprive itself of other essentials.

In other words, the veterans who can afford the new housing will have to earn between $80 and $100 a week. You can get an idea of how many veterans will be helped when you know that the current average weekly earnings are on the order of $40 a week—just one-half of the amount necessary to afford the priorities housing.

RED TAPE

As if this isn't enough, veterans are being submerged in 20 feet of forms which is required by the Veterans' Administration under the GI Bill of Rights. And the real estate crowd which controls the Federal Housing Administration is making it as hard as it can for the veterans to get FHA help in buying a house.

Wilson Wyatt, a former mayor of Louisville, Ky., has been given the job of "expediting" housing progress. How much success he is going to have can be gleaned from the positively hostile reception which he received at the hands of a congressional committee in advocating OPA ceilings on home purchases. The real estate lobby got there first.

It is the same real estate lobby, helped by the bankers, which is doing its best to defeat even the watered-down version of the General Housing Bill introduced by Senators Wagner, Ellender and Taft.

Veterans and re-migrated war workers will tolerate living in makeshift barracks and huts for just so long. They will pay bribes to avaricious landlords for just a little longer. Then we will reap the harvest and it won't be pleasant.

If the unions have done one job well, it is this—they have established themselves as the bulwarks against reduction in living standards. This has not been lost on our Congress. Otherwise, ball and chain legislation would go through the Congressional mill faster than a tax reduction bill.

Regional Views

By Richard Gosser

Director Region 2B, UAW-CIO

When the General Motors strike commenced in November, the Auto Workers meeting in Civic Auditorium pledged their financial and moral support to the strikers.

Making a pledge and keeping it are sometimes far apart, but in the case of the GM, Toledo and Region 2-B have done an outstanding job. Collections have been taken up and money given to the cause of the strikers by practically every Local and Unit. Many have had 100 per cent collections from the beginning of the GM stoppage.

The thing that impresses me is the cheerful and understanding way the workers have donated their dollars to the strike fund. Without exception, the Auto Workers have recognized the General Motors fight as their fight and have been aware that loss of the strike would be their loss, but that victory would be their gain.

LOOKING UP

With the Ford and Chrysler contracts settled and out of the way and the steel strike looking more hopeful, it now appears that victory for the General Motors strikers is not too far away. Things are beginning to look up for the workers and it is my hope that another few days will see a general clearing of the wage disputes which have idled many plants in the last two months.

The major credit for the change in the situation should, of course, go to the workers of General Motors who have showed the employers that they were determined to fight to the end for the things which they must have—a higher wages and a decent standard of living.

Nobody believes that the Ford, Chrysler and other automotive industry contracts which have been agreed to since the General Motors strike would have been signed had it not been for the willingness of GM workers to carry the brunt of the fight and make the sacrifice necessary to guarantee victory for all the workers.

Because GM employes have carried our load, I am glad to see other workers appreciative of what has been done for them and have in turn given their support to the strikers. It shows that the rest of the UAW-CIO, particularly in this region, are aware of the implications in the GM situation and more than willing to give their dollars to a cause which they know is their cause.

I am proud of the record of Region 2-B in its support of the strikers and want to thank all who contributed their time, money and efforts in giving the GM people their complete support. I know that the GM situation has been eased because of the cheerful willingness of our people to make one with their militant fellow members in GM plants throughout the country and I congratulate the Locals and Units, their officers and members for this fine display of true unionism and solidarity.

From The Desk of Melvin Schultz

President, Local 12, UAW-CIO

Last week in my article, I raised the question of what some of the big industries were after as a reason for the wage disputes not having been settled.

On Sunday, January 27th, while listening to Drew Pearson, a Washington commentator on the radio, it was brought out very clearly that the big steel interests have not settled the wage dispute as they have a division in their own ranks. Some of their members have some progressive ideas looking forward to full employment and real prosperity, while others are very determined to break labor unions and to force wages down. They are living in the past, hoping that they can duplicate history. If my memory serves me right, after the last war a judge issued an injunction which broke the back of a strike then in progress and forced wages to a very low average. As a result of such tactics, our nation went through a ten-year depression which combined with other factors involved us in a second world war.

The same radio commentator made the prediction that the steel strike would be settled within the next week in a manner which would permit production to be resumed.

On Saturday, we received the news that the Ford Motor Company had agreed to an 18 cents an hour increase and a few hours later the Chrysler Corporation signed with UAW-CIO for an 18½ cents per hour increase. This, I believe, is the convincing evidence which has been needed to prove the case of the United Auto Workers. There is no further reason for General Motors to refuse to grant this increase other than just as the reactionaries in the steel industry. They, too, have a desire to break up the unions in our country.

It is my opinion that the next week or two will settle to a large extent the problems of reconversion, insofar as labor is concerned. However, we have yet to convince the manufacturers of merchandise to sell their product for a reasonable profit rather than to sell it as property is sold in an autcion to the highest bidder.

"The net result of the decision of U. S. Steel in refusing to accept the offer of the President of the United States constitutes, in my mind, a rebellion if not a revolution against the people."

—Philip Murray

"I believe the American people will make known their support of the President's eminently fair position (on U. S. Steel), and place the blame for the present critical situation where it belongs, upon the heads of the giant corporations who are leading the nation away from prosperity."

—Senator Claude Pepper.

Billy Eckstine Called the "Sepia Sinatra" Gets Knowledge With Earl Hines' Band

By Burny Zawodny

When Billy Eckstine made his debut as a band leader in the summer of 1944 he was known as the "Sepia Sinatra," for his singing does to the females of the colored race what Frank Sinatra's does to his bobby sox brigade. Even Billy's most ardent admirers never dreamed he would in rapid fashion standout as a definite threat to the top swing bands in the business, but that's just what the handsome sepia songster proceeded to do.

Burny Zawodny

Billy first came into the limelight a number of years ago through his vocalizing with Earl Hines' orchestra. Recording with "Fatha" Hines for Victor-Blubird amassed legions of fans for Billy from coast-to-coast. It was Eckstine who composed the famous "Jelly Jelly" and Stormy Monday Blues," which gained juke-box fame via his vocal conditions. But it was a ballad, Hoagy Carmichael's lovely "Skylark" that skyrocketed Bily to his place in the musical sun. His recording of "Sky lark" definitely made Billy a star personality on his own.

With five years of singing for Earl Hines' band under his belt, Eckstine felt that he had enough knowledge of the why's and wherefores of baton-wielding to pilot a crew of his own. The William Morris agency promptly backed Billy and backed him in the formation of his new orchestra.

The singing maestro is being touted as the best bet for success among Negro bands since Count Basie came zooming across the musical horizon seven years ago.

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A well developed argument between Mr. Harris (manager of Paramount Theatre) and Mr. Tarloff (manager of The Exhibition of the Sportsmen Show) was held at a luncheon that yours truly and Mitch Woodbery sat in as spectators. This argument or might I say a discussion was over steaks (are the steaks better at Willard Hotel or 717 club?)

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During the three years he served overseas with the Marines, Macdonald Carey regularly sent allotment checks home to his wife who saved them. The couple used the sum as down payment on a Hollywood home, now that the actor has been discharged from the service and is resuming his Paramount starring career.

Raymond Chandler Scores Four in Row

HOLLYWOOD — Purchase of his novel, "High Window," by 20th Century-Fox makes it a perfect score for Raymond Chandler, the author who has sold every story he has written since 1933, when his first, a novelette, was bought by a pulp magazine.

All of Chandler's four novels have now been sold to studios. "Farewell, My Lovely" ("Murder, My Sweet") was filmed by Warners. "Lady in the Lake" has been bought by MGM and will be scripted by Chandler himself and now sale of "High Window" boosts Chandler's average to 1000.

Chandler's first original screen play, "The Blue Dahlia," has just been completed at Paramount with Alan Ladd, Veronica Lake and William Bendix starred. Lack of time forced Chandler to decline a Saturday Evening Post offer to publish the work as a three-part serial, and he does not plan publication in book form.

Actress Starts 1946 On Screen As a Landlady

HOLLYWOOD — Connie Gilchrist, one of Hollywood's busiest character actresses during 1945, will appear in her first role for the year of 1946 as Donna Reed's landlady in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Faithful In My Fashion."

She teams with Edward Everett Horton to amusingly plot and bring about the happy reunion of Miss Reed and Tom Drake, portraying a returning veteran, in the romantic comedy.

Spanish Dance Diet Keeps Film Star Slim

HOLLYWOOD — Lana Turner lost six pounds preparing for her South American trip—and not through worry!

She has been brushing up on the Latin-American dances which she loves so much—rumba, samba, bambouca and the others—and has literally danced off the weight at parties during the recent holiday season.

In fact, when the star reported back to M-G-M for extra scenes with John Garfield on "The Postman Always Rings Twice," it was found she had slimmed down so much it was necessary to alter her entire wardrobe. She will finish the extra scenes this week and leaves soon afterward, by Clipper plane, for Rio de Janeiro.

Star Dust

STAGE—SCREEN—RADIO

Released by Western Newspaper Union.

By VIRGINIA VALE

Just before Alan Young headed for Hollywood and his first motion picture he unintentionally entertained a miscellaneous gathering of New Yorkers. They were watching the skaters at the Radio City rink. Alan was brushing up on his skating. He put on his skates, started out, and slid—not on the skates—quite a distance. The housing shortage has separted the Young family temporarily; Mrs. Mary Anne Young and the children fled to Seattle when they couldn't find a home in New York, and she's been attending Washington State college, completing studies interrupted by marriage.

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When a New York subway accident takes place in Hollywood it's worth mentioning. Eddie Bracken, Virginia Welles, Spike Jones and his City Slickers, Director William Russell and 50 extras and crew members just escaped serious injury when a New York subway car split during a scene for Paramount's "Ladies' Man"; seven people were treated at the studio hospital for minor cuts and bruises.

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Johnny Weissmuller and Buster Crabbe, male leads of "Swamp Fire," have cooked up plans to go right on swimming. Weissmuller is assembling a troupe to leave shortly on a tour of Central and South America; Crabbe and his swimming stars tour this country next summer.

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Alfred Hitchcock brought Peter Von Zerneck, New York stage actor, to Hollywood for a role in "Notorious." During a two-day layoff Von Zerneck drove to San Juan Capistrano to visit the mission—and bought 20 acres of land before he left. Says he'll hold onto it, just as an investment. Meanwhile William Gargan of "The Bells of St. Mary's," has sold his San Jacinto ranch.

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Bonnie Blair left the New York stage for the RKO studio; she makes her screen debut in a barroom sequence in "Badman's Territory." As a dance hall girl she saves Randolph Scott from ambush, so effectively that RKO plans to continue using her.

News and Gossip of Stage and Screen

Stars In The Milky Way

SEEN at the M-G-M studios are Robert Walker and June Allyson, co-stars in "The Sailor Takes A Wife," catching up on vitamins in a spare moment during production.

Decca Records Plans "Lost Weekend" Album

HOLLYWOOD—Decca is conferring with Paramount for the use of "The Lost Weekend" music score by Dr. Miklos Rozsa with the intention of releasing an album.

The score, known as "E String Composition," because of the recurrent eerie note denoting the dipsomaniac's craving for alcohol, is described by Dr. Rozsa as descriptive symphonic music.

The music is a definite part of the action, conveying the psychological reactions of Don Birman, played by Ray Milland, throughout the film. Score is especially effective in the silent sequences, which are fully one-third of the picture. One of these is Milland's famous long walk.

"Blue Skies" Costume Designing Difficult

HOLLYWOOD — It's a lot easier to do the costuming of a show set in a period 200 years ago than it is to do the clothes for a picture timed 10 or 20 years ago.

That's the opinion of Gile Steele, men's costume designer at Paramount, with recent experiences in both such fields.

Steele finished the clothes for "Blue Skies" with Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire then went to work on the job of dressing the gay dandies of the 18th Century French court for the Bob Hope comedy "Monsieur Beaucaire."

"When you're handling clothing for a comparatively recent period such as 1919, when the Crosby picture starts," Steele said, "There aren't many ready references yet every adult in the audience will spot the slightest deviation from the fashions of the year.

"When you're doing costuming for a show that dates back so far, the designer has as much reference material as any of his critics and can really do a more exact job."

Wonder Dancers

This well known dancing team is entertaining the crowds at Kasee's this week. Their dancing is unusual because Miss Wood's can neither hear or speak. (She dances through the feeling of sound vibration in the floor).

Unusual Jam Session On "Ladies' Man" Set

HOLLYWOOD — They'll be talking for weeks to come at Paramount about one of the most unusual jam sessions staged there at the drop of a hint the other day.

It took place on the huge recording stage where Spike Jones and His City Slickers were in the midst of their final rehearsal of their "Cocktails for Two" number for "Ladies' Man" starring Eddie Bracken.

Cass Daley, Paramount's top singing comedienne, had been excused from another stage where she was shooting in the same Bracken musical and dropped in to see Spike.

An extra set of traps on stage plus Spikowski's invitation to indulge a few hot licks proved irresistible to Cass. The ensuing jam session which ran the gamut from "Cocktails" through "Holiday for Strings" and "I've Gotta Gal in North and South Dakota" lasted through the noon hour and found all concerned gulping down sandwiches and coffee from the nearby commissary.

"Boy, oh boy," declared Troy Saunders of the music department, "if we had only recorded that session, we could have sold a couple of million records."

Movie Subway Crash Halts 'Ladies' Man'

HOLLYWOOD—Eddie Bracken, Virginia Welles, Spike Jones and His City Slickers, Director William Russell, 50 extras and crew members fortunately escaped serious injury when a New York subway car, being used as a set, split during a scene for Paramount's "Ladies' Man."

Now At New Miami Inn

Coming Monday evening to the New Miami Inn is Miss Marlene Webb direct from an angagement in Mickey's Show Place, Detroit, Michigan.

EX-DRUM BEATER

When Sonny Tufts was at Yale, he played the traps in the undergraduate orchestra. After graduation, deciding to go into grand opera, he decided to rid himself of his lowly jazz drums and, arriving in New York City, he checked the intruments in the Grand Central Station and threw the stub away.

MGM Plans Filmusical Version of O'Neil Play

HOLLYWOOD (Special)—Plans for the filming of a musical version of "Ah, Wilderness," noted play by Eugene O'Neill produced on Broadway by the Theater Guild and later by M-G-M as a screen drama, have been announced by the studio.

June Allyson and Ray MacDonald, recently returned from service in the AAF, have been set for the top roles. Both currently appear in "Till The Clouds Roll By," film story based on the life of Jerome Kern.

Rouben Mamoulian, director of the New York stage hits "Carousel" and "Oklahoma," will direct.

RANCHER CROSBY

Bing Crosby, who is allergic to being fenced in, owns a 2000-acre stock ranch in Nevada and is a third owner in another huge ranch in the Argentine. His latest picture is Irving Berlin's "Blue Skies," Paramount Technicolor musical.

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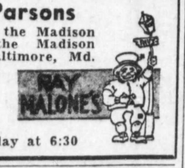

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SPORTS

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From The Rule Book

By Wilbert "Birdie" Rule
Director of Education and Recreation

Los Angeles sports fans have been asking for "big league" competition for some time and the first solid step in that direction has been taken with the transfer of the Cleveland Rams, world's championship football team, to that west coast town.

Along with the team went Bob Waterfield, professional football's most valuable player, and the great Adam Walsh, former All-American from Notre Dame and the Rams' coach. The major league franchise also went to Los Angeles. It was a great move in major sports and the thing that makes it great is the fact that it was all done in one move. It was a masterpiece of strategy.

"Birdie" Rule

The All-America Football Conference has been making elaborate plans for a team in Los Angeles so it had to come that the National Football League would transfer a team to the same city. There is no more fertile soil than the west coast for the game.

The egress of the Rams from Cleveland to Los Angeles was the first stiff blow the Nationals have struck between the two major football loops and it carries the fight between them squarely into their midst. For one thing, the presence of the two teams in Los Angeles will stimulate interest in the sport all over the United States.

As a contrast to the action of moving the championship football team out west, for year after year there has been talk and proposals of bringing a major league baseball team to the western metropolis. But the proposals spoke for one of the tailenders of the major baseball loops and not the leaders such as the Yankees, Tigers, or Cubs. But so far it has been only talk and so the Pacific coast is still rated as second class.

If baseball magnates will follow the example of the professional football moguls and move one of the best teams in the country out west, the greatest sports boom in all history would be witnessed by the fans of the nation. It would be good for sports in general to include the west coast in the top-notch participation instead of limiting the play to a few eastern and mid-western cities.

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The dance which the Spicer office workers held, last Saturday, at the Secor Hotel was a big success and more of them are planned by the committee consisting of Jack Brady, Marcel Reau, Bill Myers, Gail Brubaker, and Urban Krieger.

Whitey Gobrecht's orchestra furnished music for the get-together. Eats and refreshments were served buffet style and much of the supply of goodies was taken to the Chevrolet pickets in a fine gesture of brotherly feeling.

From the reports of those who attended, the affair was enjoyed by all of those who attended.

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A metaphysician reports that for the first 100 years the state of death is nothing but confusion and chaos. Gosh, after hearing that, you might as well live.

Fishing tackle for wounded servicemen can be turned over to Michigan conservation officers with assurance that it will reach Percy Jones hospital in Battle Creek.

SPORTS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Before the advent of the automobie, the motorcycle and the airplane, what was the fastest conveyance guided by man?

The ice boat. It often was piloted at speeds of more than 100 mph before the end of the last century. In the past ten years, streamlined ice craft have made unofficial runs at better than 160 mph.

What prize fight drew the largest crowd (not $$ gate) in ring history?

The first Dempsey - Tunney fight in Philadelphia on Sept. 2, 1926, drew 118,736 paid admissions and a gross crowd of 120,757.

What two famous football figures awakened the world to the potency of the forward pass?

Knute Rockne and Gus Dorais of Notre Dame, when they unleashed their aerial attack against Army in 1913.

What is the approximate record average speed for the 500 mile Memorial Day Auto Race at Indianapolis?

Floyd Roberts set the present record when he averaged 117.2 mph to win the 1938 race.

CHESS

GILFER (Iceland)	FRYDMAN (Poland)
1. Kt-KB3	1. Kt-KB3
2. P-B4	2. P-B4
3. P-KKt3	3. Kt-B3
4. B-Kt2	4. P-K4
5. O-O	5. P-Q4
6. PxP	6. QxP
7. Kt-B3	7. Q-Q3
8. P-Kt3	8. B-Kt5
9. B-Kt2	9. B-K2
10. R-B	10. R-QB
11. P-Q3	11. P-QKt3
12. P-KR3	12. B-K3
13. Kt-KKt5	13. B-Q2
14. P-B4	14. PxP
15. PxP	15. P-KR3
16. KKt-K4	16. Q-Kt
17. P-K3	17. Kt-QKT5
18. K-R	18. R-Q
19. P-R3	19. QKt-Q4
20. Q-K2	20. O-O
21. R-KKt	21. Kt-B2
22. B-B3	22. K-R
23. RxP	23. KxR
24. R-Ktch	24. K-R2
25. KtxKtch	25. BxKt
26. B-K4ch	26. K-R
27. Q-R5	27. B-Kt2
28. RxB	28. Resigns (a)

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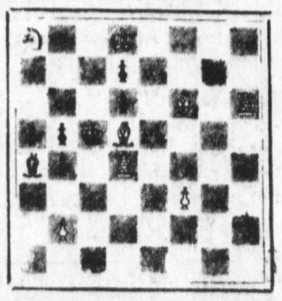
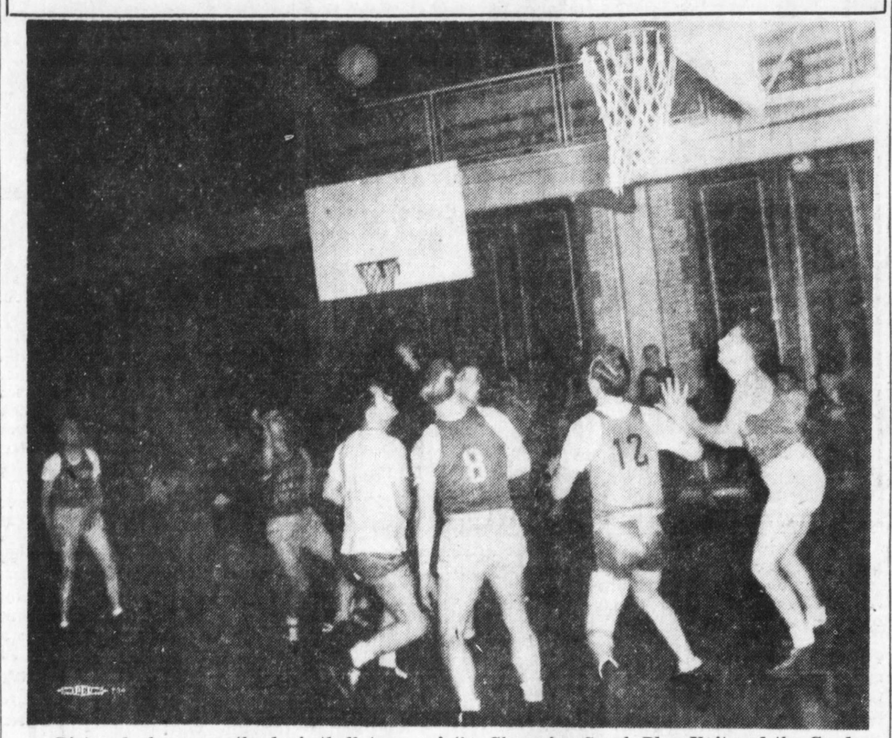


SHIBE PARK JINX

During his many years with the Giants, Mel Ott belted out 510 home runs. But the one thing which he has failed to do has been to fashion a home run in Shibe Park, Philadelphia.

Crowds Pleased With Local 12 Fights

Basketball Games Well Attended



Pictured above are the basketball teams of the Champion Spark Plug Unit and the Gordon Bumper Unit of Local 12, UAW-CIO. These teams are two of the eight members of the Local 12 Basketball League for 1946. The teams have played four games of the regular schedule and can be seen in action at Scott High School each Monday night at 7 p. m. The admission is free to Local 12 members and their friends.

Auto-Lite Unit Wins Fourth

The Auto-Lite basketball team forged to the front in the Local 12 Basketball League, Monday night in Scott High School gym, when they won handily over a stubborn Champion Spark Plug team to the tune of 41 to 29. This game broke a tie for the lead and put the Champion boys in a three-way tie for second spot.

The others resting in second position are the Gordon Bumper and the DeVilbiss basketeers. Spicer, Toledo Tools, and Surface Combustion are holding on to third place in the standings and the Toledo Tubes are in the cellar with four losses.

Results of the games played Monday night are as follows: Auto-Lite 41—Champion Spark Plug 29; DeVilbiss 34—Toledo Tubes 18; Surface Combustion 28—Toledo Tools 17; Gordon Bumpers 29—Spicer Unit 13.

The schedule for Monday, Feb. 4 is as follows:

Gordon Bumper vs. Surface Combustion at 7 p. m.

Champion Spark Plug vs. Spicer Unit at 7:25 p. m.

Toledo Tubes vs. Auto-Lite Unit at 8:40 p. m.

Toledo Tools vs. DeVilbiss Unit at 9:05 p. m.

Winter Carnival At Grayling

GRAYLING, Feb. 1 — Grayling's annual winter carnival, interrupted by the war, will be resumed at the winter recreation area this year, it was announced today by Art Clough, president of the Grayling chamber of commerce. The carnival will be held February 15, 16, and 16.

Skating, snowshoe, ski and saddle-ski contests with entries from all parts of the state will be included on the carnival program together with figure skaters who will perform on the exhibition rink.

Featuring the carnival will be the crowning of a winter queen.

Record Kayo Scored; Whitebeaver Decisioned

The boxing fans of Toledo were treated to the third straight action-packed fight card in as many weeks, Tuesday night, when Local 12, UAW-CIO, presented its regular weekly fight program at the Civic Audtiorium before a crowd of howling, whistling, boxing enthusiasts. Every fight on the card was well received by the audience.

The battlers represented several Toledo, Detroit and Ferndale athletic clubs and ranged in weight from 115 to 165 pounds, taking in almost every weight division.

Probably the quickest knockout in Toledo's ring history was recorded when Joe Mizzi, representing the Highland Park Boys' Club, took only 25 seconds to sprawl Jim Minor, Toledo, on the canvas for the count of ten. These boys scaled 165 pounds.

The main event between Charley Whitebeaver, rugged full-blooded Winnebago Indian, of the Highland Park Club, and Tommy Mathews, of the Brewster A. C. was a mixture of clever boxing and straight punching with Mathews getting the decision of the referees. Both fighters weighed in at 147 pounds. A devastating left jab was the weapon which defeated Whitebeaver, who landed several heavy blows on his experienced opponent.

A battle which had the fans standing was the one between Billy Temple, Toledo, and George Lane, of the Brewster club. The two boys stood toe to toe and battled on fairly even terms from the opening gong until the end of the bout. However, Temple proved to be the stronger of the two and was awarded the decision. This bout would make a wonderful rematch.

Dick Morris, of the Local 12 gymnasium, ran into a tough little battler in Billy Whitfield, Brewster A. C. Morris forced the fight all the way with his continuous boring in, but lost the judges' nod to the Detroit lad.

The scheduled three-rounder between Clinton Isom, Brewster Club, and Stan Allen, of the Ferndale Recreation, started out like a whirlwind with both boys throwing plenty of leather. But after the first round Allen tired fast and was an easy victim for the sharp punches of Isom and was kayoed in the second round after being knocked down several times.

A very close match, and one which was full of fine boxing was won by Frank Palizzi of the Detroit Annunciation A. C. over Lester Felton, of the Brewster A. C.

In the opener, Frank Mcintyre, a bespectacled lad from the Ferndale Recreation, outpointed Shimmy Harris, of Toledo. Chuck Love, of the Annunciation A. C. was too clever for Tod Doughty, Toledo, and won after three bruising rounds of fighting.

The referees who handled the bouts to the satisfaction of the fans were Joe Lohman, Laverne Keller, and Red McDonald. Judges were Jim Petterson, Jack Brady, and Harry Collins. Billy Denman was the official timekeeper and Toots Martin did the announcing of the fights.

Buck Swimmers To Purdue

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 1—Victorious over Oberlin and Great Lakes in its first two appearances, the Ohio State University swimming team will compete against Purdue in the Lafayette pool Saturday.

Track Meet Scheduled

NOTRE DAME, Ind., Feb. 1—The Notre Dame indoor track team will open its season with a dual meet against Western Michigan College on the Notre Dame track February 2, according to an eight meet schedule announced today by Director of Athletics Frank W. Leahy.

The Irish track squad, coached by Elvin R. Handy, will face the University of Wisconsin cindermen at Notre Dame on February 23 in the only other dual meet of the season, and will entertain Marquette and Michigan State in a triangular meet on their home track on Feb. 16.

Weightlifters

Among the many Local 12 members are a number of potential Charles Atlases, Steve Stankos, and John Grimeks. The new Local 12 gym can be the place for you future strong men to attain your goal, whatever it may be.

Perhaps some of you aspire to be future Mr. Americas, or to achieve some of the fame of the great Charles Atlas, Atlas, contrary to popular belief, built his Hercuean body with weights. As a scrawny youth he tied two large stones on the end of a broom handle and exercised with this makeshift weight every night after spending, mind you, twelve grueling hours at work in a New York sweat shop.

No matter what your goal may be, if your desire is great enough, you will reach it. If the goal be one that requires physical strength, as many sports do, then weightlifting is the way to achieve it.

Local 12 Bowling

By Ed Mandy

Harvey Peters of Auto-Lite was the only Local 12 kegler able to hit the honor roll last week, his 615 total outdistanced the field by far. Herb Vogel (576), of Gordon Bumper, might have made the select circle but for a few bad breaks in the last game.

Standard Computator team No. 2 hit a snag last week, dropping three decisions to DeVilbiss No. 2. This hurt their previous five-week record of thirteen wins and two losses.

Ed Mandy

The Willys No. 1 team, after a mediocre start early in the season, are coming into their own, sweeping three more from DeVilbiss No. 1. Pete Johnson of theformer had his mates in a huddle the other day and we don't know what he said but the boys have been winning since.

LADIES' LEAGUE

TheLocal 12 ladies claimed an off week, like the men, with no scores being posted for the honor roll. One interesting thing did happen though when Lakeside Team No. 2 clipped Toledo Steel Products three times to knock them out of first place and that, by the way, is the first time since the first couple weeks of the season that they have been out of the coveted spot.

STANDINGS

	W	L
Packard	53	10
Toledo Steel Products	51	12
Lakeside No. 2	43	20
Lakeside No. 1	38	25
American Can	37	26
Auto-Lite	27	36
DeVilbiss	22	41
P. A. C.	22	41
American Propeller	15	48
Region 2-B	4	59

Park Planned

Harrison Lake with its 100 acre lake and its park area of 196 acres located some three miles southwest of Fayette in Fulton county, is to be Ohio's White Pine Park.

Harrison Lake Park has two recreation areas in shady groves and offers free camping, swimming, boating, picnicing and good fishing.

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